

**CLAIMS****WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

- 1           1. A method for filling an aperture in a wheel, the wheel having at least one lug  
2     receiving opening and at least one aperture; and  
3           at least one wheel insert insertable into the at least one aperture in the wheel, the  
4     method comprising:  
5           securing the at least one wheel insert into the at least one aperture in the wheel.
- 1           2. The method of claim 1, wherein securing the at least one wheel insert into the  
2     at least one aperture further comprises, inserting the at least one wheel insert into the at  
3     least one aperture from the rear side of the wheel.
- 1           3. The method of claim 1, wherein securing the at least one wheel insert into the  
2     at least one aperture further comprises, inserting the at least one wheel insert into the at  
3     least one aperture from the front side of the wheel.
- 1           4. The method of claim 1, wherein securing the at least one wheel insert into the  
2     at least one aperture further comprises, welding the at least one wheel insert into the at  
3     least one aperture in the wheel.
- 4           5. The method of claim 1, wherein securing the at least one wheel insert into the  
5     at least one aperture further comprises, interlocking an edge of the at least one wheel  
6     insert into a reciprocating edge of the at least one aperture of the wheel.

1           6. A combination wheel and wheel insert comprising;  
2           a wheel, the wheel having at least one lug receiving opening and at least one  
3           aperture; and  
4           the at least one wheel insert insertable into the at least one aperture of the  
5           wheel.

1           7. The combination wheel and wheel insert of claim 6, wherein the at least one  
2           wheel insert further comprises a side exposed to view, wherein the side has design  
3           indicia disposed thereon.

1           8. The combination wheel and wheel insert of claim 6, wherein the at least one  
2           wheel insert further comprises a transparent material fabricated with glitter embedded in  
3           the material.

1           9. The combination wheel and wheel insert of claim 6, wherein the wheel insert  
2           further comprises one of a natural and a synthetic material.

1           10. The combination wheel and wheel insert of claim 6, wherein the at least one  
2           wheel insert further comprises a shape selected from an oval, a circle, a square, a  
3           rectangle, a triangle, and an irregular shape.

1           11. The combination wheel and wheel insert of claim 6, wherein the at least one  
2           wheel insert further comprises a plurality of teeth disposed along an edge thereof, and  
3           the at least one aperture further comprises a plurality of teeth along an interior edge

4     thereof, and wherein the teeth of the at least one wheel insert interlock with the teeth of  
5     the edge of the at least one aperture in the wheel.

1            12. The combination wheel and wheel insert of claim 6, wherein the at least one  
2     wheel insert further comprises a flat smooth surface.

1            13. A wheel insert for insertion into a wheel having at least one aperture and at  
2     least one lug receiving opening, the wheel insert comprising;  
3            a front side;  
4            a rear side;  
5            and an edge extending therearound, wherein the wheel insert is insertable into  
6     the a least one aperture in the wheel.

1            14. The wheel insert of claim 13, wherein one of the front or rear side has design  
2     indicia disposed thereon.

1            15. The wheel insert of claim 13, wherein the wheel insert is fabricated from a  
2     same material as the wheel.

1            16. The wheel insert of claim 13, wherein the wheel insert is fabricated from a  
2     different material than the wheel.

1            17. The wheel insert of claim 13, wherein the wheel insert is fabricated from a  
2     transparent material.

1           18. The wheel insert of claim 17, wherein the wheel insert is fabricated from a  
2 transparent material and embedded with glitter in the transparent material.

1           19. The wheel insert of claim 13, wherein the wheel insert is fabricated from an  
2 opaque material.

1           20. The wheel insert of claim 19, wherein the wheel insert is fabricated from an  
2 opaque material embedded with glitter in the opaque material.

1           21. The wheel insert of claim 13, wherein the wheel insert is fabricated from a  
2 base metal and is covered with another material.

1           22. The wheel insert of claim 13, wherein the wheel insert is fabricated from one  
2 of a metal, an alloy of metals, and a composite material.

1           23. The wheel insert of claim 13, wherein the wheel insert further comprises a  
2 fastening mechanism for securing the wheel insert in the at least one aperture in the  
3 wheel.

1           24. The wheel insert of claim 13, wherein the wheel insert further comprises at  
2 least one edge adapted to cooperatively mate with an interior edge of the aperture in  
3 the wheel.

- 1           25. The wheel insert of claim 23, wherein the at least one edge adapted to
- 2 cooperatively mate with an interior edge of the aperture in the wheel has a shape
- 3 selected from concave, convex, round, oval, triangular, and having a plurality of teeth
- 4 therearound.